

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraphs [0001], [0022] and [0025] of the application as published with the following paragraphs rewritten in amendment format:

[0001] This application claims the benefit of U.S. provisional patent application Ser. No. 60/436,555, filed Dec. 26, 2002, and is a National Stage Entry of PCT/US03/41169, filed Dec. 23, 2003.

[0022] Both a first side and a second side of each of the backrest section 20, the middle section 22, the leg section 24, and the foot section 26 include an extensible side pull out extension 38. In the embodiment shown, the side pull out extension 38 telescopes outwardly. FIG. 6 shows a partial perspective view of the side pull out extension 38. A plurality of locking apertures 40 are disposed in the side pull out extension 38. A spring loaded locking pin 42 is disposed on the respective sections 20, 22, 24, 26 and cooperates with the apertures 40 to lock the side pull out extension 38 in a desired position. Other locking means may be used without departing from the scope and spirit of the invention. An extensible end pull out extension 44 is provided at an end of the main frame 12 adjacent the foot section 26. As illustrated in the drawings, the end pull out extension 44 telescopes outwardly. Referring to FIG. 3, a plurality of locking apertures 46 are ~~[[show]]~~ shown which are disposed in the end pull out extension 44. A spring loaded locking pin 48 is disposed on the main frame 12 and cooperates with the apertures 46 to lock the end pull out extension 44 in a desired position, clearly shown in FIGS. 1-4. Other locking means may be used without departing from the scope and spirit of the invention. An extensible end pull out extension 44 can also be provided at an end of the main frame 12 adjacent the backrest section 20.

[0025] FIGS. 1-4 show a pair of side rails 68 adjustably connected to each side of the main frame 12 adjacent the backrest section 20 for the safety of the patient. The side rails 68 can be ~~[[place]]~~ placed in multiple positions. To facilitate transport, the side rails 68 can be dropped down into the main frame 12 to facilitate a width of 39 inches to fit through a standard 42-inch door. An ingress/egress bar 70 is pivotally mounted to each side of the main frame 12 adjacent the foot section 26 to assist with ingress and egress of the patient for the bariatric patient management system 10.